



# Sully Spotlight

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### Events of Interest for the Month



**March 11- Daylight Saving Time Begins**



**March 17— St. Patrick's Day**



**March 20@ 7:30 p.m.—Citizens' Advisory Meeting, Sully Police Station**

## Detective Rick Call Awarded Officer of the Quarter



Detective Rick Call (left) and CAC Chairperson Dan Lindner

Detective Rick Call was awarded Officer of the Quarter by the Sully District's Citizen Advisory Committee at the March 20 meeting. Detective Call was recognized for his outstanding work in closing eight burglaries in the Cub Run community during October 2006.

Detective Call was able to establish identity of one suspect from his prior experience as the School Resource Officer at Westfield High School. After an investigation, Detective Call was able to identify two other suspects involved in the burglaries. Detective Call then located the other two suspects and all three suspects were charged with felony warrants.

Detective Call's knowledge of the neighborhood and suspects was responsible for the quick closure to the crime spree, and restored peace to the Cub Run community.

We congratulate Detective Call on his award and a job well done!



Asked why, he said 'just cuz'.  
Besides, St. Pat's is about gettin' buzzed.  
So he had one more drink  
And went over the brink  
Now he's sure to get caught by the fuzz.

**buzzed**  
driving is  
**drunk**  
driving



Designate a sober driver this St. Patrick's Day.

# *Impaired Driving Will Not Be Tolerated This St. Patrick's Day*



Impaired driving is one of America's most-often-committed and deadliest crimes. Overall in 2005, 16,885 people died in alcohol-related highway crashes. Of those, nearly 13,000 were killed in crashes involving a driver or motorcycle operator with an illegal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher.

In 2005, 59 percent of all traffic fatalities that occurred during the evening of St. Patrick's Day to the early hours of the following morning involved drivers with a BAC of .01 and higher. Of those, 89 percent involved a driver with a BAC of .08 or higher.

This year, the risk may even be greater since St. Patrick's Day festivities will take place on a Saturday night.






That's why local law enforcement will be out in force on St. Patrick's Day cracking down on and arresting drunk drivers.

The message is simple - *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*

No matter what you drive - a passenger car, pickup, sport utility vehicle or motorcycle - if you are caught driving impaired, you will be arrested.

Far too many people still don't understand that alcohol, drugs and driving don't mix. Impaired driving is no accident - nor is it a victimless crime.

Much of the tragedy that comes from impaired driving crashes could be prevented if everyone would take a few simple precautions:

-  Plan ahead: Whenever you plan on consuming alcohol, designate a sober driver before going out and give that person your keys;
-  If you're impaired, call a taxi, use mass transit or call a sober friend or family member to get you home safely;
-  Use your community's Sober Rides program
-  Promptly report drunk drivers you see on the roadways to law enforcement;
-  **And remember**, *Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk*. If you know someone who is about to drive or ride while impaired, take their keys and help them make other arrangements to get to where they are going safely.



## Impaired Driving Creates Serious Consequences



The tragedies and costs from driving impaired do not end at the potential death and injury caused by impaired drivers.

Driving or riding a motorcycle while impaired is not worth the risk. The consequences are serious and real. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for driving while impaired can be significant.

Refuse a sobriety test in many jurisdictions and you can lose your license on the spot and have your car impounded.

Plus, there is the added embarrassment, humiliation and potential loss and consequence after informing family, friends and employers.

### ***Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.***

Driving with a BAC of .08 or higher is illegal in every state. Yet too many people still ignore the law. According to the FBI's Uniform Crime Report, more than 1.3 million people were arrested for driving under the influence during 2005.

Drunk driving is deadly serious and against the law. If you drive drunk, you *will* be arrested.

Violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver's license, higher insurance rates, big attorney fees, other court costs, car towing and repairs, unpaid time away from work and dozens of other expenses.

Don't push your luck this St. Patrick's Day. Remember, *Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*

For more information, visit [www.StopImpairedDriving.org](http://www.StopImpairedDriving.org).



# *Fairfax County Police Department Adds Convenience to Reporting Non-violent Crimes*

Fairfax County residents who are victims or witnesses of certain misdemeanor crimes can file police reports by telephone or online. The “Citizen Reporting System” or CRS operates seven days a week and includes evening hours. Although the CRS system has been in place since 2003, and telephone reporting was available before then, the Police Department has recently introduced some enhancements to improve accessibility. The system has been centralized at police headquarters, and a cadre of officers is assigned to the system full time.

Not all crimes can be reported using the Citizen Reporting System. The following criteria must be present to use the system:

- The crime or incident must have occurred within Fairfax County;
- The identity of the suspect must not be known, or the citizen must not want to pursue criminal prosecution;
- The report is being made for informational and/or insurance purposes only and the citizen understands and agrees that the Police Department will take no further action;

The suspect information is so general in nature that it provides no real investigative leads (i.e., blue van or white man).

An example of a crime that could be reported using CRS would be a missing bicycle. A young boy leaves his bicycle in the front yard one night and doesn’t realize it’s missing for a few days. No one knows when the crime happened and there aren’t any suspects or leads. The parents are able to go online, fill out the required information and within 24 hours receive a case number. The case number can be used for insurance claims.

The following types of crimes or incidents can be reported using CRS (keeping in mind the criteria mentioned above):

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| • Alcohol violation                  | • Larceny under \$5,000                  |
| • Counterfeit prescription           | • Loitering                              |
| • Check/credit card case             | • Lost property                          |
| • Civil dispute                      | • Parking violation                      |
| • Destruction of property, littering | • Solicitor violation                    |
| • Disorderly conduct                 | • Suspicious vehicles, persons or events |
| • Drunk in public                    | • Telephone violation                    |
| • DWI                                | • Traffic violation                      |
| • Forgery                            | • Trespassing                            |
| • Fraud                              | • Vehicle tampering                      |

Reports cannot be handled using CRS if any of the following criteria apply:

- The offender is still on the scene or the incident occurred within the last 30 minutes;
- The crime was perpetrated based upon race, religion or national origin;
- The report is for a lost or stolen passport or firearm.

One convenient option for those with access to a computer is through the Department's online reporting system. Citizens can visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police) and click on the link to "file a police report." They follow the directions, providing all the information required about the crime, and receive a case number within 24 hours. The second method for filing certain reports is through the Department's non-emergency phone number at 703-691-2131. Citizens tell the call taker they would like to use the Citizen's Reporting System (CRS) to report a crime (or incident). If citizens choose this option, their names and contact numbers will be taken by the call taker and a CRS officer will call them back to take the report over the phone. This process typically takes less than 24 hours to complete.

The advantage to using CRS is convenience. Instead of having an officer respond to take a report, citizens can file the report at a time and location convenient to them. Waiting for an officer to free up from more urgent calls is eliminated. When the reports are filed online, officers can e-mail a case number, for documentation or for insurance purposes, usually within 24 hours.

When citizens use CRS, patrol officers are able to use their time to conduct proactive and preventive patrols, such as traffic enforcement, community policing, high visibility patrols in residential and business districts and criminal/drug interdiction.

Information obtained by CRS officers assists the Police Department in preventing crimes by allowing the Department to analyze trends, locations and times of incidents. The report may also assist in the identification and return of stolen property recovered as a result of other investigations.

For more information on CRS visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police).

**Be advised that it is a crime to make a false police report. Anyone found to have submitted a false police report will be prosecuted under the authority of Virginia State Code, Section 18.2-461, which shall be punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. Maximum possible penalty is one year in jail and/or \$2,500 fine.**

# *Traffic Trivia*

## **Virginia Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program**



### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **Do new vehicles need to be submitted for the annual safety inspection?**

- ♦ New vehicles purchased in Virginia that have been inspected in accordance with an inspection requirement of the manufacturer or distributor are not required to undergo the initial annual safety inspection. Placement of an inspection sticker on the windshield of a vehicle will be at the automobile dealer's option. The buyer should make sure the dealership does place the sticker on the vehicle. Once the purchaser drives the vehicle off the lot, it no longer meets the definition of a new vehicle and is subject to an official state inspection like any other used vehicle.

#### **Once I have registered my vehicle in Virginia, how long do I have before my vehicle must be inspected?**

- ♦ Once you have registered a vehicle with the Division of Motor Vehicles Virginia, it must be inspected immediately; there is no grace period.

#### **Does an inspection sticker expire on the first or last day of the month indicated on the sticker?**

- ♦ The sticker expires the last day of the month, regardless of whether it is a weekday (Monday-Friday) or weekend (Saturday-Sunday).

#### **Are neon lights legal for use on vehicles in Virginia?**

- ♦ Neon lights are illegal anywhere on or in a motor vehicle in Virginia, unless they are covered and unlit while the vehicle is being operated on a public highway.
- ♦ If the neon lights are mounted under the vehicle, the vehicle is not considered a proper cover. A cover would have to be made specifically for the purpose of covering these lights.

#### **If I feel that the inspection performed on my vehicle was not a proper inspection, what can I do?**

- ♦ If you question the integrity of a safety inspection performed on your vehicle, you should contact the nearest State Police Safety Division Office. An investigation will be conducted per your request to determine if proper inspection procedures were followed. Fairfax County is in division 7, Area 67 (703) 323-4549.

### **Can I operate my vehicle with a rejection sticker on the windshield?**

- ♦ The validity period of a rejection sticker is 15 days, in addition to the day of inspection. The purpose of a rejection sticker is to replace the approval sticker that was originally on your vehicle. It places no travel restrictions on the vehicle; however, it does not provide any exception to any statute governing equipment defects. As an example, if your vehicle was rejected due to a defective exhaust, with a rejection sticker or with an approval sticker, you would be in jeopardy of receiving a summons for operating the vehicle on the highway with defective exhaust.

### **What is the cost of a safety inspection?**

- ♦ The cost is \$16 for a motor vehicle. This also applies to all trailers (including semi-trailers). The cost is \$12 for a motorcycle. The cost is \$51 for a tractor-trailer. These fees are effective July 1, 2006.

### **I have a small trailer is it required to be inspected?**

- ♦ It depends. If the “actual gross weight” is 3,000 pounds or more, it is required to have brakes and is required to be inspected. (The “actual gross weight” is the weight of the trailer plus the weight of any load that the trailer is carrying.) If the “actual gross weight” is less than 3,000 pounds, it is not required to be inspected; however, any trailer under 3,000 that is equipped with brakes is also required to be inspected.

### **If I am attending college, in the military or visiting relatives out of state when my safety inspection sticker expires, what can I do to get an extension?**

- ♦ There are no extensions. Under normal circumstances, all Virginia-registered vehicles are required to bear a current Virginia inspection sticker. If your vehicle's inspection sticker is not current, and you drive back into Virginia, the Governor's Proclamation within Virginia Inspection Manual, provides that you are not required to have your vehicle(s) reinspected until you return to your residence or business in Virginia. Furthermore, motor vehicles owned and operated by persons on active duty with the United States Armed Forces, who are Virginia residents stationed outside of Virginia at the time the inspection expires, may operate such vehicle(s) on the highway of the Commonwealth while on leave, provided such vehicle(s) display a valid inspection sticker issued by another state. Any documentation as to your current residency would be helpful should you get stopped by a law enforcement officer.

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# Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

**Next available dates:** Thursday, March 8, 2007 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 13, 2007 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 22, 2007 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 27, 2007 5 p.m.—8:30 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.



## Community Wide Neighborhood Watch Training

The Sully District Crime Prevention Office will be providing Neighborhood Watch training for the community on Thursday, March 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard. The training is open to already established Neighborhood Watches that have new members in need of training. Those interested in starting new, or reactivating old, Neighborhood Watches should contact the Sully District Crime Prevention Office to set up a training date for your community. The number to call is 703-814-7018.

## CAC Corner



The Sully District Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly.

Anyone who lives or works in the Sully District is encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

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File a Report on Line  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm)

Virginia Amber Alert  
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

Aggressive Driving—  
Report Online at  
[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf\\_sfty\\_report.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)



#### PHONE NUMBERS

Fairfax County Crime  
Solvers :  
1-866-411-TIPS

Fairfax County Police  
Non-Emergency:  
703-691-2131

Sully District Crime  
Prevention Office:  
703-814-7018

Child Car Seat  
Installation:  
Sully District Station  
703-814-7000 x 5140

SAFE (Self Defense Class)  
703-246-7806

Citizen Reporting System  
(to file reports only )  
703-464-4756

# When Does Daylight Saving Time Begin and End?

Currently, daylight saving time begins in the United States on the first Sunday in April and ends on the last Sunday in October. On the first Sunday in April, clocks are set ahead one hour at 2 a.m. local standard time, which becomes 3 a.m. local daylight time. On the last Sunday in October, clocks are set back one hour at 2 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1 a.m. local standard time. These dates were recently modified with the passage of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. no. 109-58, 119 Stat 594 (2005). ***Starting in March 2007, daylight saving time in the United States will begin on the second Sunday in March and end on the first Sunday in November.***

Not all places in the U.S. observe daylight time. In particular, Hawaii and most of Arizona do not use it. Indiana just recently adopted the use of it beginning in 2006.

**In 2007, daylight time begins on March 11 and ends on November 4.**

In 2008, daylight time begins on March 9 and ends on November 2.

Many other countries observe some form of summer time, but they do not necessarily change their clocks on the same dates as the U.S.

Daylight time and time zones in the U.S. are defined in the U.S. Code, Title 15, Chapter 6, Subchapter IX - **Standard Time.**

